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Holland, Mich. Aug 29 1873 Rev. Dr Van Raalte, Dear Brother

In answer to your inquiry whether the resolution of the Council about the R.R. bonds, is intended to throw on you the responsibility of paying the teachers in the Female & Primary Depts, I would say that you could be held individually and solely responsible for obligations which pertain to the whole Institution nor do I imagine that the Council contemplated any such inconsistency.

In case of absolute necessity you are authorized to sell the R.R. Bonds, but if the case were my own, I would not sacrifice them—since they would have to go below par—without an actual vote if the Council directing it, especially as votes were recorded in the negative, on the resolution.

From the accompanying statement you will see that the teachers in the above Departments have thus far been paid better than in any other. None of the rest, even with the last money from Synod, have received beyond April 1st except Mr Moerdyk, who has been paid till about the 1st of May

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